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 MEMBERS OF USIB AND COMOR ONLY. CITE NPIC 1553. THE FOLLOWING
 IS FROM THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER.
 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY
 ANALYSIS OF TALENT MISSION 3250, 3 DEC 1963 COVERING
 PORTIONS OF VENEZUELA. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE
 END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE TARGET NUMBER
 ASSIGNED FOR EASE OF REPORTING.
 TARGETS REPORTED ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF THE HIGHEST
 SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE TO THE INTELLIGENCE
 COMMUNITY. THEY ARE ARRANGED IN THIS IPIR IN
 NUMERICAL SEQUENCE BY AREA AND ALPHABETIC ORDER WITHIN
 AREAS. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY OBSERVED WITHIN THE
 SEARCH AREAS ARE LISTED AT THE END OF THE SELECTED
 TARGETS. BONUS TARGETS OBSERVED OUTSIDE THE SEARCH

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AREAS ARE LISTED AT THE END OF THE REPORT.

UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THE TARGET DESCRIPTION,

NO GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES, GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS,

GROUND-TO-AIR SIGNAL MARKINGS, AND CLANDESTINE

LANDING STRIPS WERE EVIDENT WITHIN A 20-30 MILE

RADIUS OF A STATED TARGET.

TARGETS APPEARING IN THIS REPORT AND SHOWN BY NAME

AND COORDINATE ONLY ARE TARGETS WHICH WERE CLOUD-

COVERED OR NOT IDENTIFIED.

SYMBOLS USED TO INDICATE CONDITIONS WHICH AFFECT THE

APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY ARE AS

FOLLOWS -- C (CLEAR), SC (SCATTERED CLOUDS), HC

(HEAVY CLOUDS), H (HAZE), CS (CLOUD SHADOW), SD

(SEMIDARKNESS), O (OBLIQUITY), S (SNOW), PQ

(POOR IMAGE QUALITY).

FOR ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST SEE --

ATTACHMENT 1, BARQUISIMETO AIRFIELD

ATTACHMENT 2, PUERTO CABELLO NAAL BASE AND SHIPYARD

ATTACHMENT 3, LA SALINA INDUSTRIAL AREA AND TERMINAL

ATTACHMENT 4, LAGUNILLAS TERMINAL

ATTACHMENT 5, MARACAIBO AREA, AIRFIELD

ATTACHMENT 6, GRANO DE ORO AIRFIELD

SPECIAL AREA 1 1115N 06900W

AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC

COORDINATES -- 11-15N 069-00W, 10-50N 069-45W,

11-20N 070-00W, 11-45N 069-15W.

DUE TO INADEQUATE MAPS AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS,

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SPECIFIC TARGETS COULD NOT BE PINPOINTED EXCEPT FOR
SIBURUA SPRINGS. HOWEVER, A SEARCH OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY
SHOWS NO SUSPECT ACTIVITIES IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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AREA 1 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS --

ARACUA 1059N 06935W

CABURE 1107N 06938W

CAMACHO 1116N 06932W

CERRO IRIACARA 1115N 06932W

HUEQUES 1111N 06935W

LA CRUZ DE TARATARA 1103N 06944W

MACUQUITA 1116N 06933W

MOYEPO 1115N 06927W

PUEBLO NUEVO 1112N 06933W

QUEMADO 1120N 06919W

SAN LUIS 1111N 06942W

SAN PABLO 1113N 06932W

ZAZARIDA 1108N 06941W

SIBURUA SPRINGS 1120N 06937W

RESERVOIR AND A PORTION OF THE PIPELINE SYSTEM
OBSERVED.

FOUR SMALL BUILDINGS OBSERVED NEAR WATER INTAKES, AND
A STEAMSHOVEL OBSERVED OPERATING NORTH OF THE
RESERVOIR.

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SPECIAL AREA 2 1030N 06755W

AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC

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COORDINATES -- 10-30N 067-55W, 08-35N 070-15W,
09-10N 070-45W, 11-00N 068-20W.

AREA 2 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS --

BARQUISIMETO 1004N 06919W

BARQUISIMETO AIRFIELD 1003N 06921W

LOCATED WSW END OF BARQUISIMETO.

9,650 X 190 FT E/W ASPHALT RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A PARALLEL TAXIWAY 100 FT

WIDE, A CONCRETE PARKING APRON 1,190 X 485 FT, A

GRAVEL PARKING AREA, AN OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE

BUILDING WITH A CONTROL TOWER, ONE MEDIUM HANGAR, ONE

LARGE MAINTENANCE BUILDING, AND 12 OTHER BUILDINGS.

AIRCRAFT -- 10 LIAISON.

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BISCUCUY 0922N 06959W

CERRO BLANCO 0938N 06931W

DUACA 1018N 06910W

YARITAGUA AIRFIELD LOCATED 2.4 NM SE OF YARITAGUA AT

10-03N 069-06W.

APPROXIMATELY 3,300 X 150 FT ENE/WSW PROBABLE

GRAVEL RUNWAY, PROBABLY SERVICEABLE.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE PROBABLE MAINTENANCE

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OR HANGAR BUILDING. OBLIQUITY LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

AIRFIELD IN ASSOTW BUT LISTED AS RETURNED TO
CULTIVATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1
EL TOCUYO 0947N 06948W

[REDACTED] C 25X1
GUANARE 0903N 06945W

[REDACTED] 25X1
SANARE 0945N 06939W

[REDACTED] 25X1
SAN FELIPE 1020N 06844W

[REDACTED] 25X1
SAN FELIPE AIRFIELD LOCATED 4.5 NM SSW OF SAN FELIPE
AT 10-17N 068-45W.

4,920 X 130 FT NE/SW ASPHALT RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

AIRCRAFT -- 3 PROBABLE C-123.

ASSOTW LISTED AIRFIELDS CAPABILITY AS C-47 AND UNDER.

[REDACTED] 25X1
QUIBOR 0956N 06937W

[REDACTED] 25X1
LANDING STRIP LOCATED ON EASTERN EDGE OF QUIBOR.

ONE 950 X 50 NNE/SSW GRAVEL-SURFACED LANDING STRIP,

SERVICEABILITY UNDETERMINED.

NOTE -- NOT IN ASSOTW.

[REDACTED] 25X1
PUERTO CABELLO NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD 1029N 06800W

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VESSELS -- 2 DESTROYERS (DD), 2 COASTAL DESTROYERS (DC), 11 SUBMARINE CHASERS (PC), ONE MEDIUM LANDING SHIP (LSM), ONE NET TENDER (AN), ONE FLEET OCEAN TUG (ATF), ONE REPAIR SHIP (ARL), 9 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE LARGE TANKER, ONE BULK CARGO FREIGHTER, 2 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, ONE COASTAL TANKER, AND ONE FLOATING CRANE.

A WELL EQUIPPED NAVAL BASE, SHIPYARD AND PORT. FACILITIES INCLUDE A LARGE GRAVING DOCK, 2 SHIPBUILDING WAYS, NUMEROUS SHOPS, FOUNDRIES, AND WAREHOUSES, POL STORAGE, AND A NAVAL BARRACKS AREA.

(ATTACHMENT 2)

[REDACTED] 25X1
CARACAS - THE COLOMBIAN BORDER HWY SEARCH 1030N 06655W
ONLY PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY OBSERVED. NO UNUSUAL
ACTIVITIES NOTED.

[REDACTED] 25X1
BARINAS 0838N 07012W

[REDACTED] 25X1
TRUJILLO 0922N 07026W

[REDACTED] 25X1
BOCONO LANDING STRIP LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM NNE OF
BOCONO AT APPROXIMATELY 09-17N 070-16W.
5,000 X 80 FT N/S GRADED EARTH RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.
AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON.
HEAVY CLOUDS PRECLUDE ACCURACY OF POSITION AND
DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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NOTE -- NOT LISTED IN ASSOTW.

[REDACTED]

CAMPO SAN SILVESTRE-PUERTO CABELLO PIPELINE 0821N 07004W
THE PIPELINE WAS OBSERVED IN CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHY FROM
PUERTO CABELLO TO THE VICINITY OF GUANARE. COVERAGE
RANGED FROM VERTICALS TO OBLIQUES. SW OF GUANARE THE
WEATHER BECAME SCATTERED-TO-HEAVY CLOUDS AND THE PIPE-
LINE WAS OBSERVED ONLY INTERMITTENTLY SOUTHWESTWARD
TO ITS ORIGIN IN THE OIL FIELDS IN THE BARINAS-APURE
BASIN.

NO EVIDENCE OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

ACARIGUA RADIO TOWERS 0936N 06915W
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM NW OF ACARIGUA.
TWO SINGLE LATTICE GUYED MASTS AND ONE SMALL
BUILDING WITH ANTENNA MOUNTED ON ROOF OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

SPECIAL AREA 3 1100N 07000W
AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC
COORDINATES -- 11-00N 070-00W, 10-35N 070-55W,
11-10N 071-10W, 11-35N 070-15W.

[REDACTED]

AREA 3 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS --
DABAJURO 1102N 07040W

[REDACTED]

DABAJURO POL PUMPING STATION 1102N 07040W
PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED HOUSING AREA

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APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS NORTH ARE FENCED. GUARD
SHACKS AT EACH OF THREE ENTRANCES TO HOUSING AREA
OBSERVED.



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PUNTA CAPANO 1112N 07051W



25X1

ZAZARIDA 1113N 07029W



25X1

SPECIAL AREA 4 1050N 06900W

AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC
COORDINATES 10-50N 069-00W, 10-00N 070-10W,
10-15N 070-20W, 11-05N 069-10W.



25X1

AREA 4 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS --

CARORA 1011N 07005W



25X1

RIO TOCUYO 1016N 06956W

SANTA CRUZ DE BUCARAL 1049N 06917W



25X1

SIQUISIQUE 1034N 06942W



25X1

SPECIAL AREA 5 (BOCA DEL MONTE) 0750N 07105W



25X1

A SEARCH OF A 20-MILE RADIUS OF BOCA DEL MONTE
REVEALED NO CLANDESTINE AIRFIELDS IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.
SANTA BARBARA DE BARINAS LANDING STRIP LOCATED JUST

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SOUTH OF PEDRAZA LA VIEJA AT 07-52N 071-02W.

5,200 X 140 FT NW/SE PROBABLE GRADED EARTH RUNWAY,
SERVICEABLE/

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

LISTED IN ASSOTW BUT ABOVE ORIENTATION DOES NOT AGREE
WITH ASSOTW.



25X1

SPECIAL AREA 6 1215N 06950W

AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC
COORDINATES 12-15N 069-50W, 11-40N 069-45W,
11-35N 070-15W, 12-10N 070-20W.



25X1

AREA 6 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS --
AMUAY PET RFY AND STIRGE CREOLE CORP 1144N 07011W
VESSELS -- ONE DESTROYER (DD) DOCKED AT POL PIER.



25X1

PUNTA CARDON PET RFY AND STIRGE SHELL 1137N 07014W
THE REFINERY AND SHIPPING TERMINAL COMPLEX IS FENCED.
NO OTHER SECURITY MEASURES OBSERVED.



25X1

PUNTA ADICORA AIRFIELD 1156N 06948W

LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 4 NM EAST OF PUEBLO NUEVO.

2,200 X 160 FT NE/SW GRADED EARTH RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

RUNWAY IS SUITABLE FOR SMALL AIRCRAFT.

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

NOT LISTED IN ASSOTW.



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AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC
COORDINATES -- 11-00N 071-15W, 10-00N 070-25W,
09-35N 071-00W, 10-35N 071-45W.

AREA 7 IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED TARGETS --
LAS MOROCHAS THERMAL POWER PLANT 1012N 07120W
FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 MAIN BUILDINGS (ONE WITH 4
STACKS, AND ONE WITH 3 STACKS), AT LEAST 7 SUPPORT
BUILDINGS, 2 TRANSFORMER YARDS, AND 13 STORAGE TANKS.
AREA IS SECURED BY A WALL AND FENCE.

PUEBLO VIEJO THERMAL POWER PLANT 0959N 07112W
FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE MAIN BUILDING WITH 8 STACKS,
AT LEAST 3 ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS, A PROBABLE
TRANSFORMER YARD, AND 2 STORAGE TANKS.

PUNTA GORDA THERMAL POWER PLANT CREOLE RFY 1020N 07125W
FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE LARGE BUILDING WITH 7 STACKS,
AT LEAST 4 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AN ADJACENT TRANSFORMER
YARD, AND 2 BARGE-MOUNTED TURBINE UNITS.
TWENTY-FOUR LARGE AND 2 SMALL POL STORAGE TANKS
IN AREA.

ULE POL PUMPING STATION 1016N 07121W
FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 MAIN AND 4 SMALL SUPPORT
BUILDINGS, 19 LARGE AND 10 SMALL POL
STORAGE TANKS.

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ENTIRE AREA APPEARS TO BE SECURED.

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LA SALINA INDUSTRIAL AREA AND TERMINAL 1022N 07127W
VESSELS -- 2 LARGE TANKERS, ONE LARGE FREIGHTER,
NUMEROUS BARGES, AT LEAST 5 FLOATING CRANES, AND
NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

FACILITIES INCLUDE 38 LARGE, AND 47 MISCELLANEOUS
SMALLER POL STORAGE TANKS, NUMEROUS INDUSTRIAL AND
STORAGE BUILDINGS, 2 PIPELINE-SERVED PIERS (EACH
APPROXIMATELY 940 X 80 FT), 2 OTHER PIERS, AND A
PARTIALLY-ENCLOSED LARGE AND SMALL CRAFT MARINA.
NUMEROUS OPEN STORAGE AREAS OBSERVED.
SECURITY MEASURES ARE NOT EVIDENT.

(ATTACHMENT 3)

25X1

SAN LORENZO PETROLEUM REF & STORAGE SHELL 0947N 07104W
FACILITIES INCLUDE 54 VARIOUS SIZED POL STORAGE TANKS
(AT LEAST 44 SURROUNDED BY FIRE WALLS) AND A
PIPELINE-SERVED PIER 1,950 X 24 FT.
A POWER PLANT IS LOCATED NORTH AND ADJACENT TO THE
REFINERY AND CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 4 BUILDINGS, A
TRANSFORMER YARD, AND 3 STORAGE TANKS.
ENTIRE AREA APPEARS TO BE FENCED.

25X1

LAGUNILLAS TERMINAL 1008N 07116W
FACILITIES INCLUDE 40 LARGE VERTICAL STORAGE TANKS

(ALL ENCLOSED BY FIREWALLS) 53 SMALLER VERTICAL
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STORAGE TANKS, AND 21 HORIZONTAL POL STORAGE TANKS, A PIPELINE-SERVED PIER APPROXIMATELY 2,650 X 25 FEET, 2 PARTIALLY ENCLOSED LARGE AND SMALL CRAFT MARINAS, AND ONE SMALL PIER.

SECURITY MEASURES ARE NOT EVIDENT.

(ATTACHMENT 4)



25X1

MARACAIBO AREA, AIRFIELD 1034N 07142W

LOCATED 6.5 NM SSW OF MARACAIBO CITY.

TWO 10,920 X 1,050 FT NE/SW GRADED EARTH RUNWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, BOTH UNSERVICEABLE.

FACILITIES INCLUDE A CROSS-OVER LINK UNDER CONSTRUCTION 2 CONCRETE APRONS (EACH 1,025 X 410 FT) AND A SMALL POL STORAGE AREA LOCATED NE OF RUNWAYS CONTAINING 2 LARGE AND ONE SMALL VERTICAL CYLINDRICAL STORAGE TANK, 5 HORIZONTAL STORAGE TANKS, AND AT LEAST 2 BUILDINGS.

NOT LISTED IN ASSOTW.

(ATTACHMENT 5)



25X1

GRANO DE ORO AIRFIELD 1040N 07138W

LOCATED IN CENTER OF MARACAIBO.

6,400 X 200 FT NE/SW CONCRETE RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

5,000 X 200 FT NE/SW ASPHALT RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE/

5,000 X 200 FT N/S ASPHALT RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

2,300 X 200 FT ENE/WSW ASPHALT RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE 5 HANGARS, ONE BARRACKS, ONE

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TERMINAL BUILDING AND A CONTROL TOWER.
AIRCRAFT -- 2 C-47, ONE C-46, 7 LIAISON.
(ATTACHMENT 6)

[REDACTED] 25X1
MARACAIBO, WHARF AREA 1038N 07136W
LOCATED AT EAST AND SOUTH SIDE OF MARACIBO.
VESSELS -- ONE COASTAL DESTROYER (DC), 2 LARGE
FREIGHTERS (ONE WITH OPEN HATCHES AND BOOMS ACTIVE),
AND ONE PROBABLE FERRY BOAT.

[REDACTED] 25X1
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